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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is in response to the final Office Action dated November 18, 2006, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before February 18, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.